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MYSTERIOUS DEATHS Scotland Yard Investigating

Southport, June 2.
Dr James Montague Houston, who last week performed a post-mortem into the mysterious death of a colleague's fourth wife, died just as mysteriously himself today while Scotland Yard's chemical analysts were seeking to determine:

1. The cause of the death of Dr Robert George Clements' wealthy fourth wife on May 27.

2. The cause of the death of Dr Clements himself on May 30 after he told his son, "I am a little worried" and after writing a six-line note which the police have not revealed.

Clements died after the Southport coroner stopped the inquest on his wife's death and ordered Dr Houston to examine her body. Houston was found dead today in his Southport Infirmary and the police refused any details pending the inquest tomorrow.

The vital organs of both Mrs Clements and her 67-year-old husband were sent to laboratories in London for checking and the inquests into their deaths were postponed pending examination.

VERY FUSSY

Clements, his first three wives and Houston were all natives of Ireland. His fourth wife, 47-year-old Army Victoria Clements, was the daughter of a Liverpool businessman, Reginald Ennet, who left her £22,388 when he died in 1940.

Clements, whom a witness described as "very fussy" in his examination of women patients, signed the death certificates for his first two wives—Edith Anna Mercer, who died in 1920, and Mary MacGreary, who died in 1927—and who was the mother of his son. His third wife, Kathleen Burch, died in 1930.

Houston, who was 39 married and the father of two children, had completed the examination of Mrs Clements before his death. Southport Criminal Investigation officers said they could not comment on his death until an inquest had been held.—United Press.

Attlee Not Going To America

London, June 2.
The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, is not going to the United States. The report broadcast in the United States to the effect yesterday finds no confirmation in any official quarters.

The suggestion was that Mr Attlee intended visiting the United States to confer with President Truman on various aspects of policy. The Prime Minister has no such intention.—Reuters.

Flood Relief Fund

The following donations were received yesterday: Hongkong Sea Products and Grocers' Association, \$33; Hongkong United Trading Company, \$100.

EDITORIAL

Generosity of the Heart

REAL generosity is not a product of calculated thinking; it comes from the heart. By this token Hongkong made its response to the appeal for the relief of British flood victims the most spontaneous demonstration of personal feeling yet known in this Colony. The history of Hongkong's Flood Relief Fund is now fairly well known. It started with a donation—and a suggestion—by a Chinese citizen. From a \$200 beginning, the fund rose within two months until its closing date, to \$293,000, or more than £15,000 sterling. This is to be added to the Lord Mayor of London's original fund which, eventually will amount to more than a million pounds, because, like Hongkong, other parts of the Empire have voluntarily come forward to pay willing tribute to the harassed, but uncomplaining people of Britain. Contributions to the Hongkong Flood Relief

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DERBY LATEST RICHARDS TIPS THE WINNER

Hints He Will Ride The Favourite

London, June 2.

The hint that he would ride the favourite, Tudor Minstrel, in the Derby was given by the champion jockey, Gordon Richards, at the Press Club annual luncheon to owners, trainers and jockeys of horses that will run in the Derby on Saturday.

Richards said: "My tip is, I think, Tudor Minstrel will win and my only danger is Blue Train. If it starts, if it is hard it would be plain murder to run Blue Train." Richards said that he would not make his decision on his mount until after the final gallop tomorrow, adding, "I hope I shall choose the right one."

Richards said that he had received thousands of letters wishing him luck.

His chief rival jockey on Saturday, Edgar Britt, Australian-born rider, who will mount on the second favourite, Sayajiro, said: "Although I am a bit optimistic I know that I have a big job."

The crack Anglo-French jockey, Charlie Elliott, thought that the French candidates had not much chance, especially when they came up against a horse like Tudor Minstrel.

Tudor Minstrel's owner, Mr John Dewar, stated: "This year I am looking forward with great expectations that my Tudor Minstrel will win the Derby. The only thing that I would like to see in conjunction with this, when we find out what Gordon Richards' idea is, is that Gordon, who has batted on a losing wicket all these years, will this year score one run. Gordon, whatever you ride, good luck to you!"

THE KING'S HORSE

Lord Rosebery, senior Steward of the Jockey Club, saying that the Royal Family had been a great supporter of racing for a hundred years, declared: "There is one horse, apart from all consideration, we would like to see win. I am not in the secret of the Beckington stable, but if Blue Train ran and won there would be a roar of applause to the Derby winner such as we never heard since the days of Mincot. If the king does not win this year, we all hope the day will not be long when we can see our present King leading in the winner of the Derby at Epsom."

Prince Aly Khan thought both Sarvan and Migoli would stay, but that if Tudor Minstrel stayed the mill and half neither would have any chance.

Mr James Rank thought that his Merry Quip would stay, adding: "I hope that people who have a little each way, on him will not lose their money."

The luncheon tables were decorated with freshly cut flowers over from Holland. The menu bore the black and white colours of Lord Derby.

THE CALL-OVER

The Victoria Club call-over this afternoon was: Evans Tudor Minstrel, 11 to 2 Sayajiro, both taken and offered, 100 to 7 Grand Weather.

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British Government Ready To Enact Legislation, Report

New Delhi, June 2.

It was learned here today that the British Government is proposing to introduce legislation in the current session of Parliament, providing for the transfer of power to Indians this year on the basis of Dominion status for the one or two successor authorities.

It was further learned that the attainment of Dominion status would be without prejudice to the right of the Indian Constituent Assembly to decide in due course whether the part of India in respect to which they have authority will remain in the British Commonwealth or not.

The vital departure in the British Government's latest plan is that while in the State paper of May 16, last year they declared that power could not be handed over to two entire separate sovereign states, the present plan envisages a division of India.

It is not the British Government's desire to interrupt the work of the existing Constituent Assembly but to facilitate the creation of another Constituent Assembly for such areas as are not represented in the present body. When this is done, it will be possible to determine the authority or authorities to whom power will be transferred. It is expected that by August, India will be a full-fledged dominion.

A referendum will be taken in the Northwest Frontier Province.

Similarly the people of Sylhet in Assam will be given the opportunity to decide whether they want to be in Hindustan or Pakistan.

There is no reference to the word "Pakistan" in the British plan to be announced tomorrow.

The setting up of Pakistan,

separate Moslem state of India, was assumed so strongly by political circle after today's conference of Indian leaders with the Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten, that speculation is already centred on either Lahore or Karachi as the capital.

The shape of the new Indian unity or partition—was expected to be announced by the Viceroy tomorrow.

Another report to the Council said there was no hope of any marked increase of production in France.

This report said the formula for production bonuses "would risk devaluing nominal salaries very rapidly, as there would be no counterpart in increased production."

The 48-hour strike is due to end at midnight tomorrow, but if the workers do not obtain satisfaction, it was feared they might declare a limitless general strike.

The situation was grave but not catastrophic, because many bakeries are family affairs and they could produce as long as flour held out.

However, the Government can maintain the skimpy 150-gram ration only with great difficulty. Orders went to Army bakers to get the utmost production and the small round Army loaves will go to the bakeries for sale.

Patently it is the British Government's wish to see emerge at the earliest moment successor authorities having the democratic support of India's elected representatives in the provinces to whom she can hand over her responsibilities and keep her "quit India" pledge.

But the Indians by their capacity to reach an agreement—even if it is an "agreement to disagree"—continue to be the arbiters of any

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PROBABLE BRITISH PLAN

London, June 2.

Twin cabinets for Hindustan and

Pakistan sharing responsibility for

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SOME SENTIMENTAL PEOPLE WANT TO SAVE
THIS NAZI, WHO ADMITTED RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENT ROMANS

SHOULD KESSELRING DIE?

By PATRICK
DONCASTER

FIELD-MARSHAL KESSELRING, who in the early days of the war gave the world its first lesson in saturation bombing by smashing Rotterdam and Coventry, has been sentenced to death by shooting in Italy as a war criminal.

The crime for which he has been condemned to die was not the bombing of defenceless civilians but the massacre as a reprisal of over 300 Italians in the Ardeatine Caves on the outskirts of Rome on March 23, 1944.

Colonel Halse, who led the prosecution at Kesselring's trial, described the crime bluntly, but with truth, as "the dirtiest piece of work ever committed by any nation."

Yet a sentimental crusade has been opened by distinguished British soldiers—some of them generals—to save Kesselring from the death penalty on the ground that, taken all in all, he was really a pretty decent fellow.

Now I have been to these caves in which the massacre was committed. They are now a national memorial.

I would like to tell in simple words the story of that shocking crime as a counter to the sentimental crusade.

The Ardeatine Caves are just outside Rome, a rubbish dump across the way from the catacombs of St Callistus, where 16 Germans are buried.

The catacombs are deeper than the caves; and the smell is of age. The caves still carry the air of massacre.

In the catacombs of the Popes I was cold. In the caves I shivered,

and my thoughts were bitter.

THE SCENE

Dim electric lights, lit the brown sandstone walls, along which lay more than 300 victims of this "dirtiest piece of work" in plain white wooden boxes, adorned with pictures and pitiful reliefs.

On a wooden table there were human remains; parts of the unidentified, there in the hope that perhaps a dentist might be able to recognise something.

In the caves you find the evidence of Germany's guilt.

CRIME NEWS IN FINE FOCUS—No. 3

THESE MEN DRILL TO GET WHISKY . . .

By JOHN REDFERN

"KNOCK three times and ask for Charlie" used to be a music-hall catch phrase. Today it is the password for the men who carry the canful of whisky to the eager publican or club proprietor.

Almost every big city in Britain has its counterparts of Charlie. They are the men who, by a thoughtful study of rail time-tables, road maps, and lorry schedules, interrupt the legal flow of spirits from the distilleries to the public houses, wine shops and docks.

They are the men who ensure that when you take a nip in a public house these days you never know whether or not you are kloking, as you lift your glass, the end of a chain of crime.

WHISKY BY WHISPER

THE price they charge for their services you can discover at any of Britain's mushroom wine shops, or at the bars where they sell whisky by the whisper or offer a bottle of spirits under cover of a newspaper. The prices range from £3 10s. to £4 15s.

Who pays for this high-price liquor? A principal contributor is the decent, honest distributor with whisky to sell at 25s. 9d., the trade's fixed price. The price he pays is masked in the books as "breakages." Stan could tell you about these "breakages." Stan is not a racketeer. He is a carpenter by trade, and he drinks mild beer, and now smokes only ten cigarettes a day. I met him in London.

He knows very little about Scotch, but he knows that a lot of whisky delivered to the publicans is in smashed containers when it arrives. It has been "nibbled," as Stan's friends put it.

On the way from the warehouse to the public house, dock or wine shop, expert thieves took out the bottles and broke them over a

from trim offices in the West End of London. They have big, new cars, and typists—who don't have much to type. On their pay-rolls are 20 to 30 men who organise the collection of the whisky with a trail of corruption.

There is, say, Dick X, married with a family, who drives a lorry. He is approached by one of the men from the West End office. Who suggests that it would be worth his while to leave his lorry—containing perhaps £5,000 worth of whisky—untended for a few minutes. The time and the place are stated.

It may take £100 to lure Mr X from the path of duty. Often the approach is unfruitful. But £100 is £100 tax-free—and that is small money for such a job.

Only a few months in his present job, Stan, aged 26, told his boss he could do a bit of driving. The boss—a builders' merchant—seemed interested.

A LITTLE TRIP

THEN one night when Stan was finishing work, his employer asked if he would mind making "a little trip." Stan agreed.

He was told to go on foot to a alley in Westminster. There a vehicle would be waiting. He must take it over and drive it to a public house. Nothing much to handle. Only a few medium-sized cases.

Those cases interested Stan. He didn't know to be much of a carpenter to know they held whisky. At the week-end he found an extra £21 in his pay packet.

That was the first work. The next week he made a few more trips to more wine and spirit retailers. Later his pay packet was increased by 30s.

Behind Stan, and hundreds like him, are sleek characters operating

A maimed bomb on a church or a school is explained. But how is the massacre of the caves explained? What makes human beings deliberately and callously mow down a boy of 12 years?

Says Kesselring: "I assume entire responsibility . . . If anyone is to blame in this matter it is I."

I doubt if Kesselring has been to the caves. It was impossible to get in them soon after the tragedy, because the Germans tried to destroy the evidence by mines.

There the victims and the tumbled earth remained until the fall of Rome, for it all began just before the Allies entered the Eternal City in 1944.

Thirty-two S.S. men were killed by a bomb in a side street near Rome's Barberini Palace. Out went an order for hostages. The ratio was to be ten for one. Thirty-two Germans—320 hostages.

Rome's Regina Coeli Jail is small. There were not enough prisoners in it to make up the number. But there were some. So to the Via Tasso, to the S.S. torture chamber. And the total swelled.

But still not enough.

People were plucked off the streets. In the end the good work resulted in 325 people being rounded up. A little over the stipulated ten for one. But what did five more matter?

Newspaper reports of the Kesselring trial mention 336 victims. At the caves a notice states 325.

On the evening of March 23 they were taken out to the caves. What happened then must be gathered from German evidence. There was a curfew in force; the road is lonely. No Italians could have seen it.

Through the world heard the news of the evening blood-bath. And today the ten-for-one hostages still lie where they fell, for Ardeatine is a national memorial.

ALL CREEDS

What kind of people were they, these 325?

There are fathers and sons, their confins side by side. There are generals and policemen, a priest, Monsignor Pappagallo, a general, smiling man of 50 who ministered in the famous Basilica of St Mary Major and who was suspected of harbouring an escaped British prisoner.

There are brothers. There is a Hungarian officer. There is Nicola Stame, a tenor.

They are people of all creeds. The Catholics and other Christians have a crucifix on their coffins. The Jews a Star of David. A Communist lies beneath the Red Flag.

Over each victim there is a photograph. A wedding group, perhaps, or an old school photograph. So many of these people were people like you and me and the man who brings the milk.

Masses of blooms, lilies and mimosa, fall to dispel the unearthly, the sickly, lingering smell of this macabre scene.

The flowers stand valiantly in army ration tins from the rubbish dump which still functions at the caves.

I promised there in the dampness of the earth that one day I would take my son to the caves, for as a memorial of what 1939-45 was all about it will mean so much more than a list of names chiselled in marble on a plinth.

I would like to take Kesselring there, too—and those who defend him.

France is building an army for 1960

By MICHAEL WILSON

Paris, May 20. MR. BELLENGER has come to France to get first-hand information about the French Army. He wants to know just what aid France could bring to the Anglo-French military alliance—how many men, how much material.

He will learn that France's military power today is at its lowest ebb since the defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo. When the Germans smashed France's armies of five and a half million men in 1940, they dislocated her entire military framework.

If war came to Europe tomorrow, France could be of almost no military help.

Fresh start

The French Army today totals approximately 400,000 men, but it is a new-born baby, just learning to crawl. More than 100,000 of these troops are busy quelling the Viet-Nam revolt in Indo-China. Twenty-five thousand more are in Madagascar fighting on uprising.

In the rear of this front-line strength is a complete lack of all industrial machinery for the manufacture of war material.

The French Army today is completely equipped, from uniforms to tanks, with British and American material. It was handed over on a lease-lend basis at the end of the war or purchased from surplus Anglo-American stocks. Whole camps were transferred.

The French General Staff is under no illusions. General de Latte de Tassigny, generalissimo of the new-born armies, will probably tell Mr. Bellenger bluntly that France is rebuilding her military machine on the basis of "no war within 15 years."

It will say that France cannot fight a war before that period, and cannot be relied upon for any help until 1960, at the earliest.

In 15 Years

Half the present-day French Army is an elite force of regulars highly trained as parachutists, commandos and tankmen. The other half are conscripts doing a year's military service.

The French Government has announced that it intends to keep the strength of the army below 500,000 men for the moment, but the General Staff considers that in 15 years France will have three million men trained, and the material stored in North Africa to equip an army of this size.

Till then, Mr. Bellenger, the Anglo-French alliance is not very military.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

A HITCH has occurred during a large-scale trial of the Strasbourg No-Way Traffic Plan. Nobody seems to know what is meant by the words "In the opposite direction." Which direction is the opposite one, and opposite to which? "Traffic going in any direction may claim that it is going in the opposite direction in relation to traffic going the other way." These words of a law official put the matter in a sinister light. Of two lines of traffic one travelling from north to south and the other from south to north, which is going in the opposite direction? The schedule (B.45.H.G.) will have to be carefully reworded.

The leader page hippopotamus has trodden in Professor Chaperon's ink, and passed scathingly across this column on its way to the opposite direction.

Whither, octopus? THOSE scientists who, for want of something worse to do, are about to test the intelligence of the octopus in the aquarium at Naples have, I fear, not seen my account published in "Zoological Bits" for

November 1934) of how I read Homer's "Iliad" to the octopus in the Basel Zoo. When I came to the passage in the nineteenth book where the horse of Achilles speaks a few unkempt words (by permission of Juno), the octopus shouted, "What rot! Horses can't talk!" A very good test of intelligence is to induce an octopus to play the bagpipes, and then to see if he can tell which is playing which.

Pursuant to the above, AS for putting an octopus in a wooden maze, to find its way out by trial and error, a better test is to sit it down at a typewriter and see how long it takes to tap out Spencer's "Faith Queen," using alternate tenacies. The centipede, which is the most intelligent trigonomist in existence, when told to put its best foot forward, hesitates for many years. Give it a hundred little pools, and watch to see whether it will pull them all on at once or make a careful selection.

The old lady says No. My oldest hen has been broody for five weeks. (Correspondence column.)

There the mater roosts at present.

NANCY Good Provider



By Ernie Bushmiller

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BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



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DEAR LOIS LEEDS"

"Dear Lois Leeds—Do you think that longer skirts are flattering? —MILDRED."

Not always. The average woman looks best in the shorter skirt but 14 or 14½ inches from the floor is new and becoming. Cocktail and afternoon dresses are 8 inches from the floor. If draped with down-in-back effect you will like them. But get busy and lengthen those skirts which are 18 inches from the floor. If you don't you are going to look out of fashion and out of step with new ideas. And do remember that those flat-heeled shoes are not good with the longer skirts.

"Dear Lois Leeds—My skin isn't very oily but the pores are so coarse. What should I use?"

NELL B."

Try a combination of pore cream and astringent oil. Both can be found at any good cosmetic counter. Blend well, one-quarter cream and three-quarters of the oil heat and heat. Spread on the skin at night and before your bath. A tiny bit can be used under powder unless it looks oily. In that case, add more of the pore cream.

*Minute Makeup
by GABRIELLE*



What's New, you ask! Chains and everything that glitters, for your neck and your wrists. Long, looing gloves, shepherdess crooks for umbrella handles. And these umbrellas are in "complexion" Rose and Violet-Mauve! Fancy pocketbooks and dressy big bags slung over the shoulders. And the bags now have a pin to hold them securely.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Mother buys the stupidest hats—they don't look bad on her, but they're never young enough for me to borrow!"

Young Art Student's Disappearance Still An Unsolved Mystery

The melting snows of Vermont's rugged Green Mountains may reveal the secret of New England's greatest modern mystery—the disappearance of Paula Welden, a sophomore student at swanky Bennington College.

With the washing away of the snows, search is being resumed for the 18-year-old, blue-eyed blonde who was last seen on December 1 last along the route to Long Trail, a wilderness road that dwindles into a path on its course to Canada.

Experienced men, wise in the ways of the woods, and untrained college boys and girls beat the brush, for several weeks after Paula vanished while on a casual Sunday afternoon walk, but at best the search was hasty and not too well-organized because of the onset of winter. Heavy snows finally forced abandonment of the search.

Despite the efforts of investigators augmented by imported detectives all that is known is that Paula disappeared after hopping out of Louis Knapp's automobile in front of his home several miles from Long Trail.

Knapp, the last known person to have seen the young art student, told authorities he was driving his car past Bennington College shortly after 3 p.m. on December 1 when he was hailed by Paula just beyond the college gate.

Last Remarks

When Knapp arrived at his home, he said, he stopped the car and the girl alighted with the remark: "Thanks, that's swell."

SNAKIE-BOY WAS LIFE OF THE PARTY

Clifford Pope says the only way to learn about a snake is to live with one. He does.

He keeps a six-foot python in a box beside the furnace of his home. It is quite a pet, he says. It feeds out of his hand and is partly housebroken.

His 11-year-old son, Whitney, calls the python Snakie-boy. Whitney likes to let Snakie-boy exercise on the living room floor. Snakie-boy likes it too, Pope says.

"We had a birthday celebration," Pope says, "and Snakie-boy was the life of the party."

Pope is curator of reptiles at the Chicago Natural History Museum. The python was sent to the museum from Burma, where a surprised mess cook found it under a sugar barrel.

"After a few weeks," Pope says, "I took the python to my home because there the temperature can be controlled day and night."

Don't Know The Answers

Besides, he says, even snake experts don't know all the answers about snakes, and he wanted to study one daily under favourable conditions.

Some of these questions are: How fast do giant snakes grow? How long does it take them to grow up? How long do they live? How much can they learn? How much do they crawl? How much do they weigh?

Snakie-boy was less than three feet long when found in October 1945. Now he is six feet one inch long and weighs about three pounds eight ounces.

Some pythons, Pope says, grow to a length of more than 30 feet. "Because snakes are cold-blooded they require little food and infrequent meals," Pope says. "Snakie-boy has been put on a diet of a few mice or a small rat every week."

"Sometimes captive reptiles get the worst of a battle with a rat, apparently because life in confinement robs them of their natural aggressiveness," United Press.

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AVAK THE FAITH HEALER AND THE VINTNER'S SON

Palm Springs, Cal., June 2. A millionaire vintner's seven-bedroom home, with a huge swimming pool, has become the scene for attempts by Avak Hagopian, bearded young American faith healer, to cure the wine producer's invalid son.

The estate of the father, Krikor Arakelian, an immigrant Armenian who came to California and turned grapes into a fortune he estimates at \$10,000,000, is known as "Dream of the Desert."

There son, Vaughn Arakelian, 37, III with epilepsy and related ailments since he was struck by a motor bus as a nine-year-old boy, lies unaware of the forthcoming installations of Avak, a 20-year-old uneducated mechanic who reportedly has effected miraculous cures by prayer alone.

Avak arrived in Los Angeles after a 10,000-mile plane trip from Cairo, financed by the elder Arakelian, who said he has spent US \$250,000 in unsuccessful efforts to heal his son.

Another son, Diram, said that if Avak cures Vaughn "my father will build a memorial in the form of a faith healing centre open to the people of the world."

The family, which has connections virtually throughout the world, first read of Avak a year ago and sent a London agent to Iran to investigate, then sent for Avak after being satisfied about the validity of his cures.

"I have seen other cases similar to him, many cases undoubtedly worse, and I am sure I can cure him," said Avak when he arrived at the Los Angeles airport.

The Armenian, with piercing black eyes, long hair and a silvery beard, was wearing a hood and a cap fastened at the throat with two large silver engraved pins. He was also wearing blue serge trousers and green suede shoes.

A member of Avak's party, Colonel Sumbat Yegiazarian, Iranian Army officer and a doctor, said the healer has effected many cures in Iran.

"I examined the patients before and after the treatment," said the colonel. "All he does is to touch the patient, then he says a prayer on his behalf and asks the patient to think and believe in the prayer I have spoken. As a medical man I will vouch for these cures. They are authentic. Whatever he is doing is through the inspiration of God."

Avak has a six month visa for his American trip, and Arakelian said he hopes that he can stay here at least that long.—Associated Press.

INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE REPORTED READY TO JOIN CAMPAIGNS IN GREECE

Athens, June 2. The Greek authorities are understood to have reports that the first elements of an international brigade formed in France and Italy to aid Leftist campaigns in Greece has arrived at the Yugo-Slav port of Split.

The Communist Party newspaper, Rizospastis, over a month ago published a story from Paris, saying such a brigade had been formed. The story has been repeated several times since. Now the Greek General Staff, Government and military officials are reported to have received word that a brigade has been actually formed along the lines of that which fought the Spanish Civil War.

ENCOURAGING WOMEN TO WEAR SILK

Washington, June 2. The government is trying to resell American women into wearing silk. Its motives are not to make the ladies look more beautiful but to reduce the costs of occupying Japan and ease the threat of a cotton surplus in this country.

The United States Commercial Company, a subsidiary of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which has the job of selling Japanese raw silk here, plans to launch a big promotion programme to win over women. To do this, it is counting on the help of Paris fashion readers as well as major American designers to put across some advantages of silk which were lost sight of during the war.

Since July 1946, when the company started selling Japanese silk, it sold 31,331 bales for \$20,500,000. This is only a drop in the bucket compared to 34,000 bales used here in 1939. The company, which has 50,000 bales on hand, and an available supply of 75,000, would like to sell a lot more.

Proceeds from the sales do not go back to the Japanese but are turned over to the War Department after deductions for expenses, and applied against the costs of occupation.—United Press.

Up-to-the-Minute Sports News: BELGIUM ELIMINATED IN DAVIS CUP

Brussels, June 2. Yugo-Slavia won the final two singles today and defeated Belgium four rubbers to one to enter the European Zone semi-final of the Davis Cup.

Their next opponents will be South Africa.

Today's results were: D. Mitic beat P. Gechane 6/0, 6/3, 6/4; J. Pallada beat P. Washer 6/3, 6/2, 6/0.—Reuter.

FA PROPOSALS

London, June 2. The proposal to the International Board that in international soccer matches substitutes should be permitted up to the 42nd minutes of the game for not more than two injured players received unanimous support at the annual general meeting of the Football Association today.

Another F. A. proposal for the International Board is to amend the law regarding goal kicks so that all players of the attacking side must remain outside the penalty area as the kick is being taken, instead of the present 10-yard rule.—Reuter.

RUGBY RESULT

London, June 2. In a Rugby League game played this evening, Rochdale Hornets defeated Harrington by eight points to seven.—Reuter.

Dyak Autonomous State In West Borneo

Batavia, June 2. Indies Government has approved in principle the formation of another autonomous territory in Dutch Borneo to be called Greater Dyak Territory.

A draft statute similar to the one signed last month with East Borneo, granting that territory its own government and an ultimate place in the United States of Indonesia, is expected to be ready within one month.

Trygve Lie Cannot See War Ahead

Lake Success, June 2.

The United Nations Secretary-General, Trygve Lie, in a speech broadcast to Switzerland in connection with the Congress of the International Chamber of Commerce, said that no large-scale war is possible in the foreseeable future, but that the world's greatest danger was the possibility that it would fail to give the needy nations relief in time.

He conceded: "The political situation is not as pleasant as we would like to see it, and we are living and working in a period of postwar disturbance — politically, economically and socially".

He said as long as the major peace treaties remained unsigned, the international situation would remain disturbed, and added:

"The hope of agreement must never be lost. I reject completely the view that another large scale war is possible in the foreseeable future. I am certain that the people of the world would not allow such a catastrophe to occur. There are, I am sure, difficulties and frictions between governments but I have no doubt that on the crucial question of peace or war there is no difference of view whatever among member governments of the United Nations."

"The greatest danger is the danger of continued economic and social disorganisation, and progressive misery for the masses of mankind. For some time to come it will be necessary for nations which can do so to help other nations which are in distress. Above all, this relief must be given in good time."—United Press.

EMPIRE NOT DISSOLVING

Des Moines, Iowa, June 2.

Lord Inverchapel, British Ambassador to the United States, said today that anyone who believes that the British Empire is dissolving is wrong.

He said: "This Commonwealth is the first example of the United Nations organisation that each part is willing to forego some of its sovereignty for common good."

He said: "There is a widespread misunderstanding" as to the Empire's statute and that many believe it is dissolving. But, Lord Inverchapel added, "they are

until this information is available, the validity of the accusations cannot be judged, and no step has yet been taken.

It is expected that Britain will request a report on the subject from the Soviet authorities in Budapest as provided for under the Allied Commission statute in cases when any one of its tripartite Control Commission for Hungary has information of interest to the others.

Commenting on the reconstruction of the Hungarian Government, the spokesman said that as far as could be judged from reports received so far, the change in government would seem to be perfectly constitutional.—Reuter.

National Assembly Called

Budapest, June 2. A special session of the National Assembly to debate new elections was set today by the Ministers Council for June 10.

The Ministers Council will meet on June 9 to approve the final draft of election and other legislation which the new premier, Lajos Dinnyes, will present in his inaugural speech.

Father Istvan Balogh, Secretary General of the Smallholders Party and State Secretary, said today that he was resigning both positions for "reasons of health" but would remain in the former post if the Party desired.

Political observers thought it unlikely Dinnyes would retain Balogh, recalling that a week before ex-premier Ferenc Nagy's resignation, Dinnyes made a speech in favour of nationalization of banks, which Balogh publicly opposed.—United Press.

Pest Threatens Cotton Crop

Cairo, June 2.

About 1,200,000 acres of Egypt's total cotton cultivated area of 1,500,000 acres have been affected by a "devastating" cotton worm attack, a Ministry of Agriculture official disclosed here tonight.

It was the worse attack in a quarter of a century, he said.

The cotton worm, it was stated, had infested all the cultivated areas in Lower Egypt and, moving southwards in Upper Egypt, had ton-gashed Assiut.

The attack was "taking on very serious proportions", and the Ministry of Agriculture were using every possible means to its disposal to fight the worm but the shortage of labour in Lower Egypt was said to be seriously hampering the campaign.—Reuter.

Each backed to win £4,000.

The next callow will be held on Wednesday.

The King and Queen and the two Princesses are to watch the Derby on Saturday. They will travel to Epsom by train from London.

Epsom, by boat, to Sandown, Amy, Canton and Poole (Air) 3:30 p.m. Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia and

Shanghai (Sea) noon.

Canton (Train) 1:30 p.m.

Japan (ordinary letters and cards only) 3 p.m.

Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsinling, Peiping, Canton, Liuchow, Macao, Tsinan & Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m. Canton (Train) 3 p.m.

Singapore, Sourabaya & Colombo (Air) 3:30 p.m. Shanghai, Peiping, Canton, Kwaihsien, Swatow and Amoy (Air) 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4.

Manila, Honolulu, Oakland, New York, Vancouver, Toronto (Air) 10 a.m.

Shanghai (Sea) 10 a.m.

Straits (Sea) 2 p.m.

Pahoki (Sea) noon.

Shanghai (Sea) 3 p.m.

U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada) (Sea) 3 p.m.

Kongmoo (Sea) 4 p.m.

Macau, Tsinan & Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m. Canton (Train) 4:30 p.m.

Singapore, Sourabaya & Colombo (Air) 3:30 p.m.

Shanghai (Sea) noon.

Canton (Train) 1:30 p.m.

Japan (ordinary letters and cards only) 3 p.m.

Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsinling, Peiping, Canton, Liuchow, Macao, Tsinan & Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m. Canton (Train) 3 p.m.

Thursday, June 5.

Manila, P.I. (Air) 10 a.m.

Shanghai (Sea) noon.

Swatow (Sea) noon.

Hollow and Tamkang (Sea) noon.

Canton (Train) 1:30 p.m.

Japan (ordinary letters and cards only) 3 p.m.

Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsinling, Peiping, Canton, Liuchow, Macao, Tsinan & Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m. Canton (Train) 3 p.m.

Friday, June 6.

Manila, P.I. (Air) 10 a.m.

Shanghai (Sea) noon.

Swatow (Sea) noon.

Hollow and Tamkang (Sea) noon.

Canton (Train) 1:30 p.m.

Japan (ordinary letters and cards only) 3 p.m.

Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsinling, Peiping, Canton, Liuchow, Macao, Tsinan & Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m. Canton (Train) 3 p.m.

Saturday, June 7.

Manila, P.I. (Air) 10 a.m.

Shanghai (Sea) noon.

Swatow (Sea) noon.

Hollow and Tamkang (Sea) noon.

Canton (Train) 1:30 p.m.

Japan (ordinary letters and cards only) 3 p.m.

Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsinling, Peiping, Canton, Liuchow, Macao, Tsinan & Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m. Canton (Train) 3 p.m.

Sunday, June 8.

Manila, P.I. (Air) 10 a.m.

Shanghai (Sea) noon.

Swatow (Sea) noon.

Hollow and Tamkang (Sea) noon.

Canton (Train) 1:30 p.m.

Japan (ordinary letters and cards only) 3 p.m.

Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsinling, Peiping, Canton, Liuchow, Macao, Tsinan & Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m. Canton (Train) 3 p.m.

Monday, June 9.

Manila, P.I. (Air) 10 a.m.

Shanghai (Sea) noon.

Swatow (Sea) noon.

Hollow and Tamkang (Sea) noon.

Canton (Train) 1:30 p.m.

Japan (ordinary letters and cards only) 3 p.m.

Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsinling, Peiping, Canton, Liuchow, Macao, Tsinan & Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m. Canton (Train) 3 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10.

Manila, P.I. (Air) 10 a.m.

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Swatow (Sea) noon.

Hollow and Tamkang (Sea) noon.

Canton (Train) 1:30 p.m.

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